

ELA 7 Independent Reading Assignment

Students will be required to read independently during and outside of class as they develop comprehension skills by using reading strategies on a regular basis. Each day's homework is to read for twenty minutes, even on the weekend (from the Course Syllabus).

Fall Term Requirements:

- Bring an independent reading book to class every day. Each day we will dedicate twenty minutes minimum to silent reading. One point will be earned each dedicated reading day that a student comes to class with a book and engages in reading for the entire twenty minutes. If a student has an excused absence, he/she will be excused from the one point score.
- Read at least three books, one book every three weeks in three different genres, for the term. If students do the homework of twenty minutes minimum of reading each day, seven days a week, many more books than the minimum requirement should be read.
- At least one nonfiction book should be read. A memoir that is a true-life novel may be considered nonfiction.
- A record of the books read for the term should be kept at the back of the notebook. The record should include the following information: title, author, genre, date finished, rating for difficulty, and rating for enjoyment.
- A record of the books attempted but abandoned should be kept at the back of the notebook. The record should include the following: title, author, genre, date abandoned, reason for abandonment.
- A list of the books that students might want to read should be recorded at the back of the notebook.
- Students will be asked to write in response to their reading during class and are encouraged to reflect independently in their notebooks on their own.
- Notebooks will be collected periodically and checked at the end of the term.